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Sessional Committee II

REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES - UNCTAD's CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Review of the progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of Sessional Committee II

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/206 endorsing the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Emphasizing the prime objective of the Programme of Action and the basic principles laid down in the Programme of Action as the basis for action by the LDCs and their development partners,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for growth and development of the LDCs,

Expressing deep concern at the adverse consequences of unforeseen external developments on the economies of the LDCs,

Noting with serious concern the deteriorated resource situation of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government and the people of France for acting as host to the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as for their gracious hospitality, excellent arrangements and important contribution to the outcome of the Conference;

2. Emphasizes the imperative need for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s by all parties as a matter of urgency;

3. Takes note of the recent Least Developed Countries 1990 Report, prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat, as well as of the initial steps being taken by it pursuant to its mandate concerning follow-up, monitoring and review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, including arrangements for the annual review by the Trade and Development Board, and in this regard, requests all Governments and organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to extend all necessary co-operation to UNCTAD in implementing its mandate;

4. Takes note of the decision of the General Assembly at its forty fifth session to strengthen the UNCTAD secretariat's Special Programme for LDCs and to provide it with sufficient resources, and emphasizes in this context the need for expeditious implementation of this decision;

5. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in the context of making necessary links between follow-up at the national and global levels, to participate in and contribute to the country review process, and to report thereon to the Board, as appropriate;

6. Calls upon donor Governments and other donors, particularly UNDP, including, as appropriate, by the use of its Special Measures Fund through further contributions to it, as well as other organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, to effectively support the technical co-operation activities of UNCTAD for LDCs and in this context expresses deep appreciation to the Governments of Italy and the Netherlands for their assistance through the UNCTAD secretariat for this purpose;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the initiative of the Government of Japan to hold a seminar, in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund, on the development problems of LDCs in the 1990s in Tokyo in May 1991;

8. Urges all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of LDCs and, in this context, urges their development partners to provide support and assistance to the LDCs, according to the prevailing external circumstances, with a view to mitigating the adverse consequences of unforeseen developments on their economies;

9. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to present a report to the eighth session of UNCTAD on the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action.